

REMARKS

The Applicant has carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed March 16, 2011 (hereinafter “Office Action”) and offers the following remarks to accompany the above amendments.

Initially, the Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Aggarwal for taking the time to speak with the Applicant’s representative, Tony Josephson, on April 21, 2011. During the Examiner interview, the amendments noted above were discussed. Importantly, Examiner Aggarwal kindly pointed out that the amendments include subject matter not disclosed by the references cited in the Office Action.

Claims 8, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 22, 28, and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,270,831 to *Parulski et al.* (hereinafter “*Parulski*”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,764,285 to *Ochi et al.* (hereinafter “*Ochi*”). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Claims 28 and 29 have been amended as noted above. During the Examiner interview, Examiner Aggarwal kindly pointed out that, as amended, the claims include subject matter not disclosed by either *Parulski* or *Ochi*. As such, claims 28 and 29, along with claims 8, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, and 22, which depend from either claim 28 or claim 29, are patentable over the cited references, and the Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

The present application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant's representative regarding any remaining issues in an effort to expedite allowance and issuance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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